

A MEETING OF THE NEW ORLEANS RECREATION DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
WAS HELD AT 5:00 P.M. ON TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2014
IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

I. CALL TO ORDER: *Chairman Glapion called the meeting to order at 5:06 pm.*

II. ROLL CALL

- Present: Roy Glapion – *Chair*, Rini Marcus – *Vice-Chair*, Michael Darnell – *Treasurer*, Kelly Brown, Councilmember Jacquelyn Clarkson, Andrew Kopplin, and John Sibal – ***QUORUM AFFIRMED(after NORD Foundation Report)***
- Absent: Patrick Dobard, Eric Granderson, Woody Koppel, Mayor Mitchell Landrieu, and Kira Orange Jones
- Staff: Maya Wyche and Anita Curran

III. OPENING CEREMONIES

- Welcoming remarks: Offered by Chairman Glapion
- Invocation: Offered by Commissioner Darnell
- Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Chairman Glapion

IV. TEEN COUNCIL REPORT: Christie Casa, Karrem Bennett, D’Andre Williams, Jeremy Ordogne, Teen Council members, submitted reports.

V. REPORTS OF SUB-COMMITTEE OFFICERS

- Human Resources/Personnel: Chairman Glapion submitted the report on behalf of Commissioner Orange Jones.
- Governance: Commissioner Darnell submitted the report.
 - Maya Wyche submitted an update about CATs and a copy of the upcoming meeting schedule.
 - Chairman Glapion reported that a District D appointment has been made and NORDC is awaiting the information about the new commissioner.
- Facilities: Commissioner Sibal submitted the report.
- NORD Foundation Report: Chairman Sibal submitted the report on behalf of Commissioner Sibal.

VI. ADOPTION OF MINUTES: *Commissioner Darnell made and Commissioner Sibal seconded a motion to approve the February 4, 2014 meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.*

- Finance/Audit: Commissioner Kopplin submitted the report.

- Programming/Public Relations: Commissioner Marcus submitted the report.
 - Commissioner Marcus made and Commissioner Sibal seconded a motion for the NORDC Commission to accept the Deveney marketing pro bono proposal for the NORDC rebranding initiative and allow NORDC and Deveney staff to move forward with the timeline as presented. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT

- Victor N. Richard, III, NORDC CEO, submitted the report.
- Chairman Glapion opened the floor to discussion regarding the CEO’s Report.
 - Commissioner Darnell asked if there is a plan for the utilization of volunteers and/or plans with upcoming positions via working with civil service to fully cover all of the facilities adequately.
 - Vic Richard stated that Shawn Wyatt, the Recreation Centers Director, is actively hiring staff to train in advance of bringing new facilities online. NORDC is preparing a process/policy for vetting volunteer coaches, modeled after BREC’s process listed on their website, including the list of former offenses which will exclude acceptance as a volunteer coach.

VIII. CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT

- Vincent Smith, Capital Projects Director submitted the report.
- Chairman Glapion opened the floor to discussion regarding the Capital Projects report.
 - Discussion was had about the Bald Eagles Nest at Behrman that is disrupting baseball activities at Skelly Rupp and any other activities.
 - Vic Richard will share pictures of the eagles and their nest with commissioners.
 - Commissioner Clarkson requested an official statement from the city be released regarding this matter from Commissioner Kopplin.
 - Commissioner Darnell asked about the progress with Richard Lee.
 - Vincent Smith stated that a continual update will be provided.

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

- Dog Parks: Chairman Glapion reported about a recent visit to Cabrini Park, which resulted in the issuance of citations to dog owners.
- Victor Richard stated that Cabrini Park is not a dog park and plans are forth coming for improvements to be made to the Park.

X. OLD BUSINESS

- CAT Status Report: This was provided with the Governance sub-committee report.
- NORDC District D Commissioner Appointment: This was provided with the Governance sub-committee report.
- Follow up to Public Comment: No public comments in need of follow up.

XI. CONSIDERATION OF ANY OTHER MATTERS:

- There were no other matters to come before the Commission.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Mr. Merritt offered public comment related to offering baseball 101 training at NORDC Playgrounds for youth.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT: *Chairman Darnell made and Commissioner Sibal seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously at 6:36 pm.*